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* APPLE PRODUCTIONS, BY VARIETIES, BY AREAS
1946 and 1947

The national apple crop for 1947 in commercial areas is now indicated at 113,589,000 bushels. The crop is 5 percent below last year's production of 119,410,000 bushels but is slightly above the 1936-45 average. This report shows preliminary estimates for the principal apple varieties by regions for 1947 compared with 1946 crops.

Summer Varieties: The summer apple crop is estimated at 7,337,000 bushels--the largest production since variety estimates started in 1942. Gravenstein is the leading variety, accounting for 51 percent of all summer apples. California has nearly completed harvesting its 3,580,000 bushel Gravenstein crop, 34 percent more than the 1946 crop.

Fall Varieties: Jonathan apples dominate the fall variety group with 56 percent of the 15,759,000 bushel total. Production by varieties and their changes from last year are as follows: Jonathan 8,791,000 bushels, down 1 percent; Grimes Golden 2,093,000 bushels, down 25 percent; Wealthy 2,266,000, down 24 percent; and other fall varieties 2,609,000, down 14 percent.

Winter Varieties: This group includes 80 percent of the 1947 apple crop--90,493,000 bushels, 5 percent less than the 1946 production of 95,059,000 bushels. Delicious is the most important variety, the 24,074,000 bushels for 1947 comprising 27 percent of all winter varieties and 21 percent of all varieties. The Western States' total of 20,300,000 is 6 percent above last year and is 84 percent of the United States Delicious in comparison with 78 percent in 1946. The Delicious crop of 1,414,000 bushels in the North Atlantic States is about three-fourths of last year, the 738,000 bushels in the South Atlantic States is only a third of 1946, while the Central States' crop of 1,622,000 is nearly a fourth above last year.

Winesap is second in importance with about a tenth of the United States total. The Western States have about nine-tenths of the Winesaps and Virginia most of the remainder. Production this year is forecast at 11,749,000 bushels compared with 13,002,000 bushels last year. The McIntosh crop is estimated at 8,805,000 bushels--4 percent above 1946 but 24 percent below 1944. McIntosh is the third largest United States variety but is grown almost entirely in the Northeast, Michigan and Montana. Rome Beauty apples are forecast at 6,417,000 bushels--17 percent less than last year's large crop. Production is larger than last year in the West but down in all other regions.

Baldwins, estimated at 5,956,000 bushels, are indicated to be the largest crop since the 6,711,000 bushels produced in 1942 and are nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the 1946 total of 2,414,000. Northern Spy production is estimated at 2,064,000 bushels, up 9 percent from last year. The R.I. Greening crop, at 2,554,000 bushels, is up 10 percent over 1946. Most of the Baldwin, R.I. Greening and Northern Spy apples are produced in the Great Lake States.

Production of other leading winter varieties and the changes from last year are indicated as follows: Yellow Newtown 4,775,000 bushels, up 11 percent; York Imperial 4,253,000 bushels, down 40 percent; Stayman 4,411,000 bushels, down 39 percent; Golden Delicious 3,124,000 bushels, up 4 percent; Ben Davis and Gano 2,287,000 bushels, down 2 percent; Cortland 1,685,000 bushels, down 11 percent; and Black Twig 520,000 bushels, down 63 percent.

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COMMERCIAL APPLES: PRODUCTION BY VARIETIES, BY AREAS, 1946 AND 1947

Varieties	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
SUMMER VARIETIES:										
Gravenstein	2,886	3,762	134	135					22,752	3,627
Other Summer	3,228	3,575	1,428	1,280	817	375	1,307	1,470	176	450
Total Summer Varieties	6,614	7,337	1,562	1,415	817	375	1,307	1,470	2,928	4,077
FALL VARIETIES:										
Grimes Golden	2,790	2,093	419	308	1,138	437	1,159	1,252	74	96
Jcrathan	8,923	8,791	744	461	691	310	4,131	4,003	3,357	4,017
Wealthy	2,991	2,266	1,648	1,203	106	36	1,216	996	21	31
Other Fall	3,033	2,609	1,023	844	865	343	324	602	821	820
Total Fall Varieties	17,737	15,759	3,834	2,816	2,800	1,126	6,830	6,853	4,273	4,964
WINTER VARIETIES:										
Baldwin	2,414	5,956	1,966	4,819			448	1,137		
Ben Davis and Gano	2,328	2,287	977	942	721	382	498	593	132	370
Black Twig (Paragon)	1,401	520	389	144	954	311	10	19	48	46
Cortland	1,892	1,685	1,822	1,630			70	55		
Delicious	24,562	24,074	1,833	1,414	2,334	738	1,323	1,622	19,072	20,300
Golden Delicious	3,015	3,124	480	424	812	495	932	1,228	791	977
McIntosh	8,442	8,805	6,847	7,356			1,511	1,179	84	270
Northern Spy	1,899	2,064	1,051	1,100			848	964		
R.I. Greening	2,327	2,554	2,081	2,300			246	254		
Rome Beauty	7,688	6,417	2,851	1,806	723	304	804	761	3,310	3,546
Stayman	7,183	4,411	3,034	2,007	3,149	1,315	619	699	381	390
Winesap	13,002	11,749	145	85	2,308	753	426	511	10,123	10,400
Yellow Newtown 1/	4,320	4,775			519	261			3,801	4,514
York Imperial	7,144	4,253	1,058	1,391	5,871	2,623	196	222	19	17
Other Winter	7,442	7,819	1,611	1,973	844	380	2,919	3,066	2,068	2,400
Total Winter Varieties	95,059	90,493	26,145	27,391	18,235	7,562	10,850	12,310	39,829	43,230
Total All Varieties	119,410	113,589	31,541	31,622	21,852	9,063	18,987	20,633	47,030	52,271
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